

DAN W. JONES HOME.

WASHINGTON, ARK.

Hempstead Co.

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DISTRICT № 32.

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807 SOUTHERN BLDG. LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

DANIEL W. JONES HOUSE
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas

HISTORICAL NOTES:

Located in Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas. The home was originally built by Colonel Robert Carrigan about 1862, and was built by the day under the supervision of a carpenter as foreman and architect. It is two story frame, plastered on hand hewn lath, and well wind-braced. At the present time, the place is in a rather bad state of repair.

Colonel Jones bought the place from Col. Robert Carrigan in 1866 where he took his mother, his friend James Black, the man who invented the famous "Bowie Knife", who had promised to reveal the secret of tempering the steel to Col. Jones for his care. Mr. Black formally was employed as a black smith in the shop of Mr. Shaw and upon losing sight of his eyes, was cared for by Col. Jones until his death. On the eve of revealing the secret of tempering the steel, Mr. Black lost his mind and was confined in a small room off the porch until his death, June 22, 1872.

Daniel W. Jones, at the age of 21 organized a Company at Washington, Arkansas at the beginning of the Civil War. Was made Captain and later promoted to Colonel. Was wounded in the battle of Corinth and the Federal Surgeon who extracted the bullet from his side became attached to Col. Jones and they exchanged letters for several years. Just before the close of the War, Col. Jones was promoted to Brig. General. Col. Jones lived in this house until elected Attorney General of the State 1885 - was elected Governor 1897 - serving until 1901.

When Col. Jones was elected Attorney General he sold his home to Mr. W. H. Stingley in 1885 and is occupied by the Stingley family at the present time.

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Source of information:

High Lights of Arkansas History by Dallas Herndon.

Makers of Arkansas History by Reynolds.

Diary of R. A. Carrigan and letter from Mrs. E. W. Holman.

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